

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the first two full paragraphs with the following amended paragraphs:

This patent is related to and claims priority under 35 USC §120 as a continuation-in-part from co-pending provisional U.S. Patent Application No. 60/120,436, titled "A METHOD FOR CRYPTOGRAPHIC CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS," and filed February 17, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference.

This patent is related to and claims priority under 35 USC §120 as a continuation-in-part from co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/492,534, filed January 27, 2000, titled "Methods For Operating Infrastructure Applications For Cryptographically-Supported Services," now U.S. Patent No. 7,184,988, which is incorporated herein by reference.